

Dear FCC:

Please stop Sinclair Broadcasting from forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry show days before the election! Not only is this a violation of law, it is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. An order to air a smear-tactic show, so close to an important election, does not serve the public interest or our democracy. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It's important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you for your prompt action to stop Sinclair.